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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 11, 2019

To: The Governing Board Members

From:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

Subject: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing the grant or assignment of Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority funds in Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Project Agreement No. 58L8-17-1388 to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority for the acquisition of APNs 8221-004-013, 014, and 015, approximately 13.7 acres, Whittier area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the grant or assignment of Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority funds in Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Project Agreement No. 58L8-17-1388 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority for the acquisition of APNs 8221-004-013, 014, and 015.

Background: Staff from the Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Authority) has requested matching funding for a cluster of three parcels. The total project cost is approximately \$410,000. The proposed action authorizes the grant or assignment of up to \$150,000 to the Authority from remaining funds in WCCA's Proposition A grant that started with a \$1,000,000 balance. An aerial photo showing the three contiguous parcels is attached. The subject 13.7 acres provide a high quality block of habitat that is well integrated with the Whittier Hills core habitat area. The acquisition is an excellent use of WCCA's acquisition funding. Staff has asked the Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District staff to make any amendments to make this transfer of funding possible. The Authority hopes to close the acquisition in less than six weeks.